

Burial Grounds DQO

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Dave,

I had a phone conversation with Mike Thompson today. He's still trying to get a proposed plan from his contractor for installing numerous groundwater wells between now and 2011. He can get that to us when it's completed.

He gave me a heads-up that in the next six months, DOE and Ecology will probably start a DQO process for installing wells at all Low-Level Burial Grounds (this type of DQO will go on a long time).

Ecology wants a lot more wells than DOE does at these sites. DOE would prefer to make sure that all wells installed add some value. So, later this year this DQO process may be something both of our programs can help with. You can provide permitting/monitoring guidance and we can communicate our characterization needs for the CERCLA groundwater operable units. I think your draft guidance could be very useful in the DQO discussions. I still need to go over my comments with you sometime.

Another issue that may be relevant is that after TPA milestone negotiations are completed (years?) Ecology and EPA will probably push for more pump and treats in the 200 Areas. Mike believes that certain monitoring well locations may add even less value as the groundwater gradients are potentially impacted by pumping and treating.

Maybe the next time you're out here we could get together for an hour and review your guidance. I really think it will be useful for Ecology. While not everyone can change their minds at Ecology, there are still those who can.

Take Care.

Tom